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SUBJ: BRANDT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: INDEMNIFICATION ISSUE

REF BELGRADE 1730

1. NAGEL, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, FRG EMBASSY, BELGRADE, INFORMED US THAT THE GERMANS REGARDED THE FORMULATION ON WW II INDEMNIFICATION IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AS THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF THE RECENT BRANDT VISIT. THE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF CONFIDENCE CREATED THROUGH A DEVELOPED AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO SETTLE THE REMAINING OPEN PROBLEMS FROM THE PAST IN A WAY WHICH WOULD SUIT THE INTERESTS OF THE ONE AS WELL AS THE OTHER COUNTRY. THEY AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH LONG- TERM COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND OTHER FIELDS, AND FORMS OF THIS COOPERATION SHOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSED IN TALKS TO BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

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2. BRANDT PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION ISSUE WOULD BE DEALT WITH AS A PART OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD START SOON. NAGEL CLAIMED THAT BRANDT'S POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT CAME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO THE FRG EMBASSY. THE GERMANS HERE HAVE NO CLEAR CONCEPT ON HOW THE BRANDT DECISION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. NAGEL ASSUMES THAT BRANDT HAD IN MIND LONG- TERM CAPITAL AID, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, AND THAT DETAILS ARE BEING DEVELOPED IN BONN.

3. ANYTHING EMBASSY BONN CAN DEVELOP ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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